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SUBJECT: JAPANESE NEWS SERVICE AGAIN RAISES
TAIWAN/SA/ISRAEL NUCLEAR COLLABORATION ISSUE
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1. (U) JAPAN'S KYODO NEWS SERVICE, IN A STORY ON ALLEGED TAIWAN/SOUTH AFRICAN/ISRAELI NUCLEAR COLLABORATION, HAS QUOTED TAIWAN'S LEADING OPPOSITIONIST AND MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN (LY), KANG NING-HSIANG, AS CLAIMING THAT TAIWAN IS COOPERATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT KANG RECEIVED HIS INFORMATION THROUGH THE LY BUDGET COMMITTEE. KANG HAS TOLD THE LOCAL PRESS THAT HE

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WAS MISUNDERSTOOD AND THAT WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID WAS "IF THE US WON'T PROVIDE SUFFICIENT WEAPONS, THE ROC, IN ORDER TO HAVE INDEPENDENT DIPLOMACY AND TO PROTECT ITS OWN SECURITY, SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO TRY TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS." TAIWAN'S OFFICIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED THAT TAIWAN IS WORKING WITH ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS TERMING THE REPORT "TOTALLY BASELESS AND ABSOLUTELY INCORRECT."

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